THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be furnished.

Amount Mobilised under RIB Scheme

3874. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 1293 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1999 and state :

(a) the annual interest burden on the amount of money mobilised through RIB each year during the tenure of the scheme year-wise :

(b) the deployment of the money mobilised and the interest gained thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred on advertisement during the launch of the scheme; and

(d) the gain/loss on the scheme till now and the gain/loss anticipated over the entire tenure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) annual interest burden on the amount of money mobilised through RIB in the different currencies is as under:—

(i)	October, 1998 to March, 1999	Rs.	9,05,66,49,387
(ii)	April, 1999 to March, 2000	Rs.	14,72,51,46,820
(iii)	April, 2000 to March, 2001	Rs.	15,35,90,62,606
(iv)	April, 2001 to March 2002	Rs.	16,19,29,50,637
(v)	April, 2002 to March, 2003	Rs.	17,09,36,29,465
(vi)	April, 2003 to October, 2003	Rs.	8,92,80,32,499

(b) (i) Deployment of money mobilised Rs. 18,051 crore

(ii) Income earned from 1 -10-98 to 31 -3-2000 Rs. 2,798 Crores

(c) The expenditure incurred on advertisement during the launch of the scheme is Rs. 7.78 crores.

(d) The gain/loss on the scheme till now and gain/loss anticipated over the entire tenure :

Loss upto 31-3-2000	Rs. 139 crore
Gain anticipated over the entire tenure (at the current interest rates)	Rs. 534 crore approximately,

Benefit of Special Duty Allowance

3875. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Special Duty allowances has been sanctioned to the Central Government civilian employees with all India transfer liability and who are posted to the N.E. region from outside that region since 1983;

(b) whether it is a fact that employees of some of the departments have been enjoying this benefit; and

(c) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to extend the same benefit to similarly placed left out Central Government employees working in the N.E. region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Civilian employees of all the Central Government Departments, who have all India transfer liability and have been transferred to the N.E. Region from outside the Region, are entitled to the Special Duty Allowance.

Package to Employees posted in Specified Region

3876. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the package of special incentives granted to employees posted in specified region of the country indicating category of officers/employees entitled for such incentives, region-wise;

(b) the list of Central, semi-Central Government Departments including Railways and PSUs which are implementing the special duty allowance in North-Eastern Region;

(c) the criteria fixed for considering an employee to have all India transfer liability to be entitled for Special Duty Allowance; and